At its Feb. 7 meeting held on campus, the Truman Board of Governors gave authorization to proceed with the hiring of the necessary professional services to continue the development of a proposal for a new suite-style housing facility and a renovation of the Student Union Building. This proposal is part of a larger concept that could eventually lead to a renovation of all student living facilities that would enhance the living/learning environment without increasing the number of students housed. This approval came after a presentation by members of the George K. Baum Company of Kansas City and Denver showing the plan to be financially feasible. Their financial analysis was based upon an extensive study of Truman’s campus student life facilities conducted by the St. Louis architectural firm, Mackey Mitchell Associates, this past spring and summer. The long-term plan, which involves extensive renovation of existing buildings, was developed based on market research and a facilities analysis.

“Although constructing a new residence hall is part of the proposed first phase, it is important to understand that long term our goal is not to have an increase in students housed on campus,” Truman President Barbara Dixon said. “Future residence hall renovation plans call for the reconfiguration of triple and quadruple rooms into doubles. In order for us to remain competitive we must look at updating our residence halls to better serve our students’ needs.”

The funds to pay for the residence hall project will come from auxiliary funds paid as user fees by students and not state funds. It is anticipated that in addition to supporting student recruitment and retention, this project will have a very positive impact on the economy of Kirksville and northeast Missouri as this proposed construction proceeds. The Board also approved in-state enrollment fees for the 2004-2005 academic year. Fees for full-time undergraduate students will be $5,410, a $710 increase per year. Out-of-state fees for full-time undergraduate students will be $9,510, a $1,010 increase per year. The Board set the room and board fee for 2004-2005 at $5,175 for a two-person room at the December 2003 Board meeting. When enrollment fees and room and board fees are combined, the bottom line cost increase for both in-state and out-of-state students is slightly more than 8 percent.

These fee increases are necessary due to increases in fixed operating costs, the state’s continuing budget problems and the necessity of preserving the quality of Truman’s educational programs. Funds will be used for such things as equipment and campus technology purchases as well as to continue institutional financial aid programs for students.

Board approval was also given to a new interdisciplinary studies major. The new major must now be approved by the Coordinating Board for Higher Education.

Michael Schwend from Kirksville was elected president of the Truman Board of Governors. Sarah Burkemper from Troy, Mo., was selected as vice president and Ruth Mach from St. Louis was selected as secretary.
Black History Month Events

“A Celebration of Black American Music”
Performances by Deadwood, Hazard to Ya Booty, Unique Ensemble and the University Jazz Orchestra
7 p.m. • Feb. 12
OP Performance Hall
Sponsored by the Division of Fine Arts and Multicultural Affairs

My Brothers and Sisters Help Uplift Me: A Forum
7 p.m. • Feb. 16
VH 1110
Sponsored by NPHC, ABC, CAAW, CB and Illusion Danz Team

Dr. Hayward Horton
black sociologist
Skin Deep: How Race and Complexion Matter in the “Color-Blind” Era
8 p.m. • Feb. 19
VH 1000
For more information, go to http://www.albany.edu/~hdh/criticaldemography/.

Black Knowledge Bowl
Timed teams compete with black history facts
7 p.m. • Feb. 24
SUB Alumni Room
Sponsored by Phi Beta Sigma and Multicultural Affairs

Truman students interested in spending a spring semester in Washington, D.C., are given that opportunity through the Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars (TWC). The annual program awards up to five Truman participants 15 credit hours for their internship work and an independent study project.

TWC has opportunities for all majors for any students with a 3.25 GPA or higher interested in applying to intern in Washington during the spring 2005 semester.

Joe Johnston, vice president at The Washington Center for internships in Washington, D.C., will be presenting an informational meeting at 5 p.m., Feb. 10, in the Career Center. Students can find out more about the opportunities and experiences available. He also will be available in the Student Union Building outside of Mainstreet Market on and off from noon until 4:45 p.m. Feb. 10.

Students taking advantage of the 2004 internships are Jason Bush, senior political science major from Kansas City, Mo.; Matthew Irish, senior art history major from Boonville, Mo.; Yorba Johnson, senior classics and pre-M.A.E. major, from Kansas City, Mo.; and Ryan Maurer, senior English major from Vanzant, Mo.

Jason Bush is interning at American Foreign Policy Council. Irish is interning at the Page Conservation, a private art conservation firm. Johnson is interning at The Discovery Theater, part of the Smithsonian Institution. Maurer is interning in Public Defender Service.

Klausner to Deliver Kohlenberg-Towne Lecture

Carla Klausner will deliver the 17th annual Kohlenberg-Towne Lecture at 7 p.m., Feb. 15, in the Student Union Building Activities Room. Klausner, professor of history at the University of Missouri-Kansas City, will speak on “Islam and Liberal Democracy: Are They Compatible?”

Klausner has been a member of the UMKC faculty since 1964, and she has established an outstanding reputation there as a teacher, public lecturer and mentor to graduate students. She holds a B.A. from Barnard College, an M.A. from Radcliffe College (now known as Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study at Harvard University) and a doctorate from Harvard University. Her early scholarship concerned medieval Islamic history. More recently, she has published work on the Holocaust and modern Israel. Her text, “A Concise History of the Arab-Israeli Conflict” (with Ian J. Bickerton) has gone through four editions with Prentice-Hall, the most recent being 2002.

The Kohlenberg-Towne Lecture series was inaugurated in honor of Gilbert Kohlenberg and Ruth Towne in 1988, upon the occasion of their retirement from the history faculty. Although both of them are now deceased, their memory lives on in these lectures by prominent visiting scholars.

The lecture is intended for a broad audience and is open to the public. For more information, contact David Robinson, professor of history, at 785.4321.

If you were not able to attend the Installation of Barbara Dixon as the fourteenth president of Truman State University, you may now view the installation ceremony text and the video of the event at http://www.truman.edu/pages/373.asp.
Notables

Warren Gooch, professor of music, has had “The Harvest Moon,” an original musical composition for choir, accepted for performance at the 2004 National Conference of the Society of Composers. The conference will take place at the University of Central Oklahoma March 3-6.

Richard Weerts, professor of music, had his doctoral dissertation critique published in the Council for Research in Music Education Journal, an international publication housed at the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana. The title of the dissertation was “Perceptions of Collegiate Music School Deans Regarding the Nature and Content of Their Work.”

Informational Meeting for Students Interested in Teaching English in China

Students interested in being Truman English Foreign Language Assistants (TEFLAs) in China for fall 2004 and spring 2005 are invited to attend an informational meeting lead by Timothy Farley, associate professor of French, and Chi Cheung at 7 p.m., Feb. 24, in Violette Hall 2351.

Students who participate in the program will teach English as a foreign language to students in the Wu Hua County Public Schools in Guandong Province, China. They also will serve as a native speaker resource for the faculty and students and meet with small groups of students for conversational practice. TEFLAs also guest lecture on topics related to American culture. Twelve credit hours can be obtained through this experience.

To apply for the program, or to request further information, contact Farley by e-mail at tfarley@truman.edu or at 785.4520.

Scholarship Opportunities Available

Numerous scholarship opportunities are available for Truman students.

Nine $865 scholarships are now being offered for participants in the summer study abroad program in Chambery, France. Applications for the grants can be picked up at the Center for International Study Abroad, Kirk Building 120. The deadline for applications is Feb. 13. For more information, contact Patrick Lobert in McClain Hall 313A or e-mail him at plobert@truman.edu.

The Truman State University Financial Aid Office has received applications for the Mittie, Moselynne and Dempsey J. Travis Scholarship Foundation. To be eligible for this scholarship, students must have at least a 3.0 GPA, demonstrate financial need, and submit various forms such as W-2’s, tax returns, etc. Stop by the Financial Aid Office in McClain Hall 103 for more information regarding this scholarship.

The American Chemical Society (ACS) Scholars Program is accepting applications for the 2004-2005 academic year. The scholarship program is designed to encourage African-American, Hispanic, and Native American students to pursue undergraduate college degrees in the chemical sciences.

The American Chemical Society Scholars Program will award approximately 100 scholarships to undergraduate students interested in four-year degrees in the chemical sciences; those interested in transferring from two-year college to four-year colleges to pursue chemical science degrees; and to two-year students intending to pursue degrees in chemical technology. The scholarship is $2,500 per academic year for freshmen, and up to $3,000 per academic year for sophomores, juniors and seniors. Go to http://chemistry.org/scholars for more information.

The Sallie Mae Fund is offering a variety of scholarships. To be eligible for the Sallie Mae fund scholarship programs, students must be accepted and enrolled as a full-time, undergraduate at a Title IV eligible, accredited, postsecondary, two or four-year college or university, vocational, or technical school in the United States or Puerto Rico, and meet program-specific eligibility requirements. Scholarship criteria, applications and deadlines for 2004 are now available for download from the Sallie Mae Fund’s Web site at http://www.thesalliemaefund.org.

Student Ambassador Applications Available

The Admission Office is looking for upbeat, outgoing, well-spoken and dedicated students to represent the University to prospective students. Ambassadors volunteer 1.5 hours a week to give tours to visiting students and their families.

Applications can be picked up in the Admission Office and are due back by 3 p.m., Feb. 20.

For more information, contact Devin at 785.4114 or by e-mail at devin@truman.edu.
Notes

The Student Association of Missouri has organized and is hosting in conjunction with College Democrats, College Republicans, Rock the Vote and Student Senate, a campuswide Voter Registration Week now through Feb. 13. Representatives will be available from 10 a.m.-7 p.m. at tables in the SUB and during lunch and dinner hours in the dining halls.

Phi Kappa Phi will have a spring luncheon with fellow members from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Feb. 10, in the SUB Spanish Room.

The Book Discussion Group will meet at 4:30 p.m., Feb. 10, in VH 2351. Katie Korte will lead the discussion regarding how children’s perceptions of bugs and insects relate to the teaching and learning of science. Copies of the resource books are available for check-out in the Education Division Office, VH 2300. R.S.V.P. by Feb. 6 to Mona at 785.4219.

SAAB presents “The Couples Game Show” at 8 p.m., Feb. 10, in the SUB Activities Room. Contact the SAAB Office at 785.4722 for more information.

The Weekly Lunch Series for Truman faculty, teaching staff and GTRAs continues with “Service Learning Through the Missouri Campus Compact” from 12:30-1:15 p.m., Feb. 11, in the SUB Spanish Room. Guest speaker John Strong, director of Missouri’s Campus Compact, will lead the discussion. Contact the Center for Teaching and Learning at 785.4477 for more information.

SAAB will be having a Coffee House featuring Eric Hutchinson at 7 p.m., Feb. 11, in the SUB Down Under. For more information, contact the SAAB Office at 785.4722.

The Women’s Resource Center is hosting V-Day 2004 at Truman. V-Day and Amnesty International will present a Juarez documentary and discussion at 8 p.m., Feb. 11, in the Baldwin Hall Little Theatre. A benefit production of “The Vagina Monologues” by Eve Ensler will be performed at 8 p.m. Feb. 12-13, in Baldwin Auditorium. Tickets will be $2 and $5 based on the needs of each person. A student speak-out will be at 8 p.m., Feb. 14, in the SUB Governors Room. All people are encouraged to write their own monologues or perform a favorite piece. Send early submissions to Saab@truman.edu. Walk-ins are welcome.

Contact Dana Kuhnlne at 665.0189 for more information.

The University Wellness Program in cooperation with the staff of the Student Health Center will be offering annual wellness screenings on campus for faculty, staff and spouses. Screenings will be from 7:30-9 a.m., Feb. 11 and Feb. 12, in the Student Health Center. No appointment is required. A 12-hour fast is required prior to the screening.

A Global Issues Colloquium will begin this week from 7-8:30 p.m., Feb. 12, in the SUB Alumni Room. Marc Becker will lead the discussion. For more information, contact the Center for Teaching and Learning at 785.4477.

SAAB will be showing the movie “Love Actually” at 6:30 and 9 p.m., Feb. 13 and 3 p.m., Feb. 14, in VH 1000. All movies are free to students with a student ID. Guests without student IDs will be admitted five minutes before the movie begins. Contact SAAB at 785.4722 for more information.

Upward Bound, a college-preparatory program, is currently accepting applications for the 2004 on-campus summer session. Positions are available for residence hall staff; photographer; college freshman mentor/tutor and instructors in ACT Prep, composition, digital video, math, performance, science (biology, chemistry and physics), Spanish, and yearbook/journalism. Completed application packets with references are due Feb. 13. For information and/or application materials, contact Upward Bound located in Kirk Building 220, at 785.4244, ubub@truman.edu or at http://ub.truman.edu.

The women of Cardinal Key will offer baby-sitting from 5-9 p.m., Feb. 14, at the First United Methodist Church. There is no cost, but donations would be appreciated. Please R.S.V.P. by Feb. 13 to Jill Meyer at 627.1152 or by e-mail at jillmeyer24@hotmail.com so that they know the approximate number of children to expect.

The Mostly Live Composers Society will present its spring concert at 3:30 p.m., Feb. 17, in the OP Performance Hall. This event is free and open to the public.

Ken Bishop will be speaking about recent changes to the CPA exam and computer-based testing at 7 p.m., Feb. 17, in VH 1010. Bishop is executive director of the Missouri State Board of Accountancy.

The Child Development Center and the Division of Education offer a seminar series for parents and all persons interested in the development of young children. “Premature Babies and Their Families Within an NICU Environment” will be presented by Pam Gardner at 4:30 p.m., Feb. 18, in VH 1320. Light refreshments will be served. Childcare can be arranged by contacting the Education Division Office at 785.4383 at least two days before the event.

The College Republicans are sponsoring a presentation of “Fetus: Person or Property” from 6:30-8:30 p.m., Feb. 19, in the Baldwin Hall Little Theatre. This is a presentation supporting the rights of the unborn. For more information, contact Rebecca Kneefelkamp at 627.5156.

The University Art Gallery presents “The Cole Collection,” displaying maps, money, and other printed matter from the collection of David and Lilly Cole. The exhibit will be displayed through Feb. 20. Admission is free and the gallery is open 8:30 a.m.-7 p.m., Monday-Thursday; 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Friday; and noon-4:30 p.m., Saturday.

If you are planning to change your major or request a new adviser, you should submit a change of major/adviser form to your division office by March 1 to ensure that these changes are made prior to registration for summer and fall 2004 courses.

Graduation applications for undergraduate students who want to graduate in August 2004 are due by March 5. Applications for December 2004 graduation are due by April 23. Applications and degree worksheets are available on the Truman Web page at http://registrar.truman.edu.

On Campus

10 TUESDAY
4:30-5:30 p.m.-Missouri-London Study Abroad Program Informational meeting, SUB Conference Room; see Notes
3:30 p.m.-Book Discussion Group meeting, VH 2351; see Notes
7:30 p.m.-Wrestling vs. Missouri Baptist, Pershing Arena
8 p.m.-SAAB Event: “The Couples Game Show,” SUB Activities Room; see Notes

11 WEDNESDAY
7:30-9 a.m.-Annual wellness screenings, Student Health Center; see Notes
12:30-1:15 p.m.-Weekly Lunch Series, SUB Spanish Room; see Notes
7 p.m.-SAAB Coffee House, SUB Down Under; see Notes

12 THURSDAY
7:30-9 a.m.-Annual wellness screenings, Student Health Center; see Notes
7:30-8 p.m.-Global Issues Colloquium, SUB Alumni Room; see Notes

13 FRIDAY
6:30 p.m. and 9 p.m.-SAAB movie event: “Love Actually,” VH 1000; see Notes

14 SATURDAY
1:30 p.m.-Women’s basketball vs. Washburn, Pershing Arena
3 p.m.-SAAB movie event: “Love Actually,” VH 1000; see Notes
3:30 p.m.-Men’s basketball vs. Washburn, Pershing Arena
5-9 p.m.-Cardinal Key baby-sitting, First United Methodist Church; see Notes

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